



# CRIEFF and STRATHEARN DROVERS' TRYST

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Thank you for booking to take part in a Drovers' Tryst walk. Information about the walk is as follows:

**WALK:** Arrochar Alps Ben Vane

**DATE:** Thursday, 10th October, 2019

**WALK LEADER:** James Bussey

**WALK GRADE:** Extra Hard

**WALK DISTANCE:** 12 km

The walk goes steadily up the Hydro road towards Loch Sloy dam, then turns off on to a track which climbs steeply up the ESE spur of Ben Vane. There is a short rocky step near the summit with a couple of ways through it, otherwise a well trodden easy path. Good views of the dam, Ben Lomond and the Arrochar Alps on a clear day. There are some sheltered lunch break places on the spur.

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**MEETING POINT:** Crieff Visitor Centre, Muthill Road, Crieff, Perthshire PH7 4HQ [See a Map here.](#)

Please go to the Tryst meeting area in the restaurant for a briefing with the walk leader and to meet the rest of the group before travelling together to the start of the walk. Complimentary tea and coffee is available.

**MEETING TIME:** 7:45 am

Please join the walk group at the meeting point by this time for travel to the start of the walk by Car sharing.

The walk itself will start from Power Station car park, Loch Lomond NN 323098 at approximately 9:30 am and finish at approximately 3:30 pm.

**RETURN TO CRIEFF:**

The walk group will travel back to Crieff Visitor Centre for approximately 5:00 pm but please note that the length of time that a walk takes can vary significantly, depending on the group, the weather and a number of other factors, **so return times are not guaranteed and we advise that you plan accordingly.**

**SAFETY NOTES:**

Walk duration 6hrs

**GEAR NOTES:**

For Medium, Hard and Extra Hard walks we ask walkers to make sure they have full hillwalking gear, by which we mean definitely the following: Boots, warm clothing, warm/quick drying trousers (not denim jeans), waterproof jacket and over trousers, rucsac, hat, gloves, spare fleece, packed lunch,

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spare food and drink, small personal first aid kit including any medications, mobile phone, headtorch, and bivvy bag if you have one, and possibly also these other items, depending on personal preference: Gaiters, rucsac cover, walking poles, spare socks, map, compass, GPS, lipsalve, camera. Please bring any personal medication and an "In Case of Emergency" number. You may also wish to bring binoculars and a camera.

### **CANCELLATION OR DELAY:**

Cancellations can be made free of charge up to 14 days after booking. For cancellations outwith that period a charge of £2 per walk place will be made until 12th September. After that date booking fees are not refundable because we cannot be sure of re-selling cancelled places. However, we would be grateful if you could let us know if you are unable to take part in a walk for which you have booked - that lets us know who to expect or not on the day.

- Prior to the start date of the Tryst, please email droverstryst@gmail.com.
- From the start date of the Tryst, up to 7pm on the day prior to the walk, please email droverstryst@gmail.com, or contact the Tryst co-ordinator on **07522 841673**.
- On the day of the walk, if you cannot take part or are delayed please contact the Tryst co-ordinator on **07522 841673**. Although we try to reach group members who have not turned up on the day, it is really helpful if you contact us.

### **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- The organisers of the Crieff and Strathearn Drovers' Tryst recognise that hill walking is an activity with the danger of personal injury. Participants in the Tryst should be aware of and accept this risk and be responsible for their own actions. It is recommended that individuals provide their own accident insurance cover.
- The walks are led by experienced leaders on a voluntary basis. Walks may be cancelled due to weather conditions or circumstances beyond the organisers' control, and alternative walks offered wherever possible.
- Children are welcome on Easy and Medium walks but must be accompanied by a responsible adult and be capable of completing the walk. Minimum age for Medium walks is twelve and minimum age for Hard and Extra Hard walks is sixteen.
- The Tryst reserves the right not to accept participants on a walk if they are inadequately attired.
- Extra hard walks are not suitable for inexperienced hillwalkers and hard walks do require a reasonable level of walking fitness.
- Dogs are not allowed on Tryst walks, except for guide-dogs.
- On walks for which minibus transport is included walkers may choose not to travel on the minibus but no refund or price reduction will be given.
- Where walks involve car sharing, drivers often appreciate it when a voluntary contribution is made by passengers. A suggested level of donation, per person, is up to £3-£4, depending on length of journey.

### **PARKING INFORMATION, CRIEFF VISITOR CENTRE:**

If you're parking in the Crieff Visitor Centre car park, please observe the following guidelines:

- Monday – Friday: Please park on the **far left hand side** of the car park, well away from the main entrance of the Crieff Visitor Centre.
- Saturday – Sunday: Please go in the **first** (southernmost) entrance, and **take the first right** to park in front of Images on Glass / The Scottish Tartan Authority.